



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PROBATE COURT
DISTRICT OF WEST HARTFORD
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RE: Raised Bill No. 5444

Dear General Assembly Members:

Thank you for allowing me to submit this written correspondence in support of this bill. Due to a planned trip, I will be out of state on March 12th.

The purpose of this Bill is to give Probate staff and judges the option to purchase, up to three (3) years, state service time towards their retirement. There are several staff members and judges who have worked for the state but not eligible for a state pension. This bill would allow them, at their own expense, to purchase up to three years of their state time for retirement. In effect, it would put them in the same place as someone with military service or legislative service.

The State Retirement Commission would determine the cost and the individual would then have the opportunity to purchase up to three years. Therefore, there would be no cost to the state, only to the individual.

Thank you again for this opportunity and I trust you will look favorably upon this bill.

With regards,

Sydney W. Elkin, Judge
West Hartford Probate District

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